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A JAG PRODUCER.

Tom Morgan, editor of the San Antonio press bureau, was probably recovering from a "jag" produced by imbibing too much megal when he wrote this story:

"For some time a well known farmer, recognized as one of the leading 'dry' of the state, had noticed that a number of the hands on his place appeared unusually hilarious. He was quite sure that none of the popular beverages of the day were being consumed by them and began an investigation. He went where his men were engaged in removing green feed from a silo. After working about this for a time and breathing the fumes from it, he discovered that he wanted to dance, play tag with his men, and go through all those unusual capers characteristic of those who took on board too much of the principal product of Kentucky. Realizing that the entire force of men were quite as intoxicated as himself, he stopped the work for a time and all were soon in their normal condition. A second attempt to take the contents from the silo brought on another jagged condition of the entire crowd, thus convincing the farmer that as a modern and cheap boozatorium a silo is the latest thing out."

THAT NEW YORK HORROR.

Saturday afternoon about 6 o'clock, after The Eagle was printed and distributed, the following Associated Press dispatch was received:

"Fully one hundred persons were burned to death or killed in a fire in an eight-story factory building in the wholesale district late this afternoon, the victims being mostly shirtwaist-making girls. Several life nets broke and many persons were crushed to death on the pavement by jumping from the upper floors."

Later reports estimate the number who lost their lives at about two hundred. There were no fire escapes and the frantic inmates who could reach the windows leaped from them only to be crushed on the pavements of the street, while those in the rear were smothered by the smoke or cremated alive. It was one of the most horrifying spectacles that ever occurred. The owners of the building should be, and doubtless will be, held responsible for failing to provide fire escapes.

Mr. John S. Perry, of the Temple Telegram, who spent a short time at Alpine a few years ago under circum-

stances very unfavorable for observation and who probably never was more than a mile from the railroad, is writing for his paper as an authority on conditions on the border. Speaking of the raid of Mexican marauders last week, he assumes that it was an advertising scheme of the Alpine Commercial Club to get that town "on the map." He also assumes that there is nobody in the southern part of Brewster county but vagrant Mexicans whose only property is goats. If Mr. Perry had taken the trouble to go down into that country he would have learned that there are in the district invaded by the marauders five smelters and other mining property representing an investment of over five million good American dollars, and that there are some good farms in the valleys of Teslingua creek and the Rio Grande, some of which are owned by Americans. The Alpine Commercial Club had no more to do with calling for troops than had Mr. Perry. The request was sent out by James Lafarelle, a perfectly reliable man, who is manager of one of the largest mining plants and a deputy sheriff of Brewster county.

We have been asked repeatedly, if Senator Bailey resigned in good faith, why did he withdraw his resignation? He did so because the big business interests demanded it of him. No better evidence of this is needed than the class of public men who sent telegrams to Governor Colquitt and begged Bailey to withdraw the resignation. The majority of them were standpat republicans. Bailey wants to go to New York to practice law, but he would depend for clients upon the big business interests and they will not consent for him to resign because he can serve them better in the senate. This is one of the most striking illustrations in all history of the truth of the declaration of Jesus that "no man can serve two masters."

In a recent interview Champ Clark expressed the opinion that the falling off in church attendance is not due to a decline of religion, but to a change of conditions. When the majority of the population was rural, people found rest from six days' toil in their weekly religious gatherings, but now that most of the people live in cities and towns they seek refreshment in out of door places. Mr. Clark is a communicant of the "Christian" church. He believes that true religion is having more influence now than ever before.

The prophet Isaiah said the time would come when every man would gather the fruit of his own vine and fig tree, and Dr. Hollander, professor of economics in Johns Hopkins university, says the time is coming when poverty will be as obsolete as slavery. All that is at present lacking to the fulfillment of these prophecies is for all those who profess to be the followers of Jesus to obey the emancipation proclamation issued by Him nineteen hundred years ago.

Politics can no more be standardized than education or religion. While it is true that fundamental principles are a part of the body of eternal truth and can never be changed, policies must change with the times. The efforts of Senator Bailey and his organs to hark back to a past and well nigh forgotten era of policies is as unreasonable and as hopeless as would be an attempt to induce the churches and the schools to return to the crude methods of that day.

It will take time to prove whether the reorganization of the Mexican cabinet will result in a restoration of peace. While the number of insur-

rectos is comparatively small, they have the sympathy of a large majority of the people, not counting the peons. If the reform measures inaugurated by the new cabinet prove satisfactory to the conservative opponents of Diaz, the insurgents will have to give up the fight, whether they are satisfied or not.

The women of the Civic League are too easily discouraged. The farmer can not reap the harvest immediately after planting the seed. Cleanliness is largely a matter of habit, and habits of communities as well as those of individuals are not easily changed. No reform can be permanent unless a desire for better things is implanted, and this can be done only by education. If the grownups are incorrigible, work on the children. The next generation will reap the harvest.

Men are such infernal fools and there is so much of the brute in them, especially the fighting brute, that it is easy to work up a war. These are ticklish times and every Christian in the land ought to be praying and working for peace. Remember, everybody, that "war is hell."

Hamilton Fisher, the artist, is reported to have said that a Miss Colton, of Houston, is a perfect type of Southern beauty. If Mr. Fisher would come to Bryan he would find a score or more of perfect types than Miss Colton. They are so common here as not to attract particular attention.

The breeze from the north today is a side current from one of the worst spring blizzards ever known, which is howling and shrieking over the North, leaving snowdrifts and desolation in its trail. In Nebraska the temperature dropped 40 degrees in three hours this morning.

Texas will get four of the minor house committee chairmanships, but that doesn't compensate for putting Fitzgerald, a tool of Tammany, at the head of the appropriations committee, a place that ought to have gone to Congressman Burleson.

No one who drives along the roads and observes the fields can doubt that the late heavy rains have washed away tons of fertile soil from the upland farms of Brazos county. There is no other kind of conservation so important as that of the soil.

One difference between Bryan and London is that, while from the British capital sixteen hundred carloads of dirt are carried out every day, from the Brazos county metropolis perhaps one carload is carried out in sixteen hundred days.

As a part of the Battle of Flowers pageant, San Antonio will crown a queen of the festival. This coronation, however, will hardly draw so large a crowd as that of King George in London, a few weeks later.

What a good many of us would like to know is, why does the government keep those army transports at Galveston loaded with ammunition and provisioned for a voyage?

This definition from Snap Shots in the Galveston News is excellent: "A fanatic is a person who tries to make us give up pleasures that he does not participate in."

In the Booker Washington incident, the private secretary, as is usual in such cases, is the goat. Well, why not? Isn't that the most important function of a private secretary?

The report that Senator Bailey was coming to Texas is denied. Why should he? He has nothing in Texas but a nominal home in Gainesville.

That fire horror in New York has aroused the whole country to the necessity of doing away with such death traps.

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General Madero seems to have more trouble capturing Chihuahua than Colonel Donohue had sixty-five years ago.

Houston had four burglaries Saturday night, but it has been several days since there was a murder.

PARAGRAPHS CONTRIBUTED BY COMMERCIAL SECRETARIES.

Captain Ludlum, of Cape May, N. J., is establishing a large fishing plant on Steadman Island, two miles from the mainland of the Aransas Pass coast, and will engage in deep sea fishing. A number of large fishing boats have already arrived and others are on the way from the Atlantic coast. The fish will be packed in cars at Aransas Pass wharf and will be shipped to Northern markets. The plant will have a packing and shipping capacity of 175,000 pounds of fish per week. Captain Ludlum predicts that this will be one of the greatest fish markets in the United States, as fishermen can work the entire year on the Texas coast, compared with only half the time on the Atlantic coast. Texas has 4087 acres of oyster beds, yielding 102,327 barrels per annum, and 3,500,000 pounds of fish were taken from Texas waters in 1910. Our fish and oyster output approximates a half million dollars per annum.

The Texas farmers have learned well the lessons of diversification. Our corn crop is making rapid gains on cotton; we are raising our own wheat, oats and hay, and our vegetables supply the Northern and Eastern market. We are not only diversifying our products, but we are feeding it on the farm fattening stock and using it in raising another crop. The March Federal Crop Reporter shows 61,635,000 bushels of corn in the grainaries of the Texas farmers on March 1, which is 34 per cent of the total output; we have 4,865,000 bushels of oats on hand, which is 20 per cent of the total output; and we have 2,629,000 bushels of wheat, which is 14 per cent of the total yield. Our supply of cereals is sufficient to carry us through until the next crop, which adds to the independence of the Texas farmers. The proper disposition of a crop is as important as raising it, and the above figures show that the Texas farmers are close students of practical farming and are financially able to manage their affairs.

The railroads have put on an "union special," running direct from Laredo to Northern markets. The first shipment of onions of the season was made from Laredo last week, and train loads will be shipped daily from now on. During the season of 1910 Laredo shipped approximately 2000 cars, according to the estimate of the Laredo Board of Trade, or two-thirds of the onion crop of Southwest Texas, while the shipments during the coming sea-

son are expected to reach at least 2500 cars.

The number of farms where bees are kept in the state of Texas is about 75,000. The number of swarms is between 450,000 to 500,000. These bees are valued at \$1,000,000. The amount of honey produced in the state is something over 6,000,000; the amount of war produced is 75,000 pounds.

Significant Figures About Ownership of Federal Securities.

The shrinkage in the holdings of United States government bonds by individuals is amazing, while the corresponding increase in their owner-

ship by national banks is tremendous. The figures are impressive. In 1898 the interest-bearing debt of the United States was \$847,366,880. Of this amount \$261,901,200 was held by national banks, and the rest by savings banks, insurance companies and individuals. According to the latest statistics, our bonded debt was \$913,317,490, of which the national banks held no less than \$724,874,466, or nearly 80 per cent. There was left but \$188,443,027 in the hands of the public, and part of this is the remainder of the Spanish-American war loan, which had a wide distribution from motives of patriotism. Government issues, save in times of war, have no interest for the public.—Munsey's Magazine.



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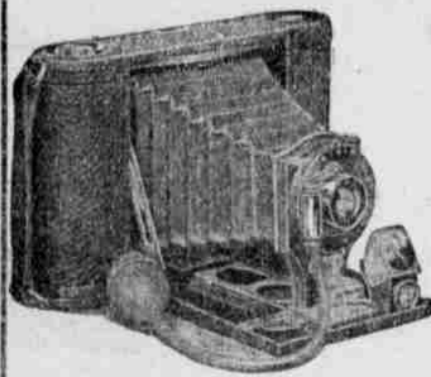
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